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LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

HOW ERZERUM FELL: A GRAPHIC STORY.

WHAT THE RUSSIAN VICTORY MEANS FOR THE ALLIES.

French Warships Sink Submarines in the Adriatic.

GREEK SOLDIERS ROUT BULGARIANS IN FRONTIER FIGHT.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

DISEASED SOLDIERS' PENSIONS.

A PLEA BY THE LABOURITES.

February 17, 12.20 p.m.
In the House of Commons, in replying to an amendment by the Labour Party to the Address from the Throne, demanding pensions for those who had contracted disease whilst serving with the Colours, Mr. H. W. Forster, Financial Secretary to the War Office, announced that the Government had established a new body to deal with such cases which were outside the limits of the Pensions Warrant.

The Labour Party were not satisfied with this, and intimated that they would again press the matter.

LIEUT.-COL. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

February 17, 12.20 p.m.
The fact that Mr. Winston Churchill has been made a Lieut.-Colonel was mentioned by Mr. Tennant in the House of Commons last evening.

FOOD PRICES.

HOW THEY HAVE ADVANCED.

February 17, 12.20 p.m.
It is shown by the Board of Trade *Labour Gazette* that the prices of food in Great Britain have increased forty-seven per cent., as compared with eighty-three per cent. in Germany and one hundred and twelve per cent. in Austria.

THE NEAR EAST.

SALONICA IMPREGNABLE.

February 17, 1.30 p.m.
A correspondent of the Pro-German *Zurich Zeitung*, in a long description of the Salonica defences, says they are impregnable.

ENEMIES' SLOW PROGRESS.

February 14, 1.30 p.m.
Italian reports show that the Bulgarian and Austrian advance in Albania is very slow. The Bulgarians especially are hampered by lack of transport loads.

Montenegrins who have arrived at Brindisi state that the Austrian attempts to discover hiding-places at Mirko and Martonvitch have proved unsuccessful, the people being unmoved by bribes or threat of starvation.

AUSTRIANS CEASE OFFENSIVE.

February 17, 4.45 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Corfu states that the Austrians have ceased the offensive at Durazzo, owing to the arrival of Italian troops. General Putnik, Generalissimo of the Serbian Army, has joined the Serbians at Corfu.

TO VISIT KING CONSTANTINE.

February 17, 4.45 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Salonica states that General Sarraill is shortly to visit King Constantine.

GREEKS ROUT BULGARIANS.

February 17, 4.45 p.m.
The Greeks, after a two hours' fight, routed another band of Bulgarian Comitatdji who were penetrating into Greece. The Greeks are now vigilantly guarding the whole frontier.

SUBMARINE WARFARE.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS' DISAPPROVAL.

February 17, 4.45 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that the Socialists in the Prussian Diet expressed disapproval of the Government's submarine campaign against merchantmen.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT RUSSIAN SUCCESS.

ITS EFFECT ON THE GENERAL SITUATION.

GRAPHIC STORY OF FINAL ASSAULT.

February 17, 12.40 p.m.
The German attacks on the Western front have been prompted by a desire to impress neutrals, especially in the East, but Russia's great Erzerum stroke has been far more effective in that direction. Erzerum is the key to Asia Minor, commanding, as it does, the sole road open to the Russians to the Bosphorus from Asia. Trebizond is unlikely long to resist, and then the Allies will have an unbroken line from the Black Sea to the north-eastern edge of Mesopotamia.

Besides the Erzerum victory, the Russians have two armies in the Caucasus—one in the Black Sea littoral, and the other in the Lake Van region.

The capture of Erzerum removes the chief obstacle to raids on the Turkish communications with Mesopotamia and facilitates the linking up of the Anglo-Russian advances towards Bagdad. It is noteworthy that the massacre of Armenians has been directed from Erzerum.

The Russian capture, in the depth of winter, of a fortress situated at a height of 6,000 feet, and notorious for blizzards, is a most heroic feat. The operation began in January with a series of masterly actions, by which General Jadenich cleared his flanks, thus forcing the Turks to evacuate Malazghert, south-east of Erzerum, and retreat to Mush, and then occupied Koprikendi and Hassankala, both great keys (sic) on the Erzerum road.

It is estimated in Petrograd that the Turks during the three weeks prior to the assault on the forts lost 80,000 men. Of the remainder only 75,000 were efficient organised units, and of these 20,000 were required to hold the town and forts. The lack of a field army to hold the outer redoubts enabled the fortress to be destroyed by long-range fire.

There were fierce actions before the Turks were finally driven in to the fortress. One retreating detachment was most anxious to save a park of new German field-kitchens and formed them into a square, but the Russian guns smashed them up. When the infantry rushed up, they found hungry Turks licking up the soup and stew. Thus a strangely distributed body of Turkish irregulars on the hill south-east of Erzerum was cut off. It promised to surrender in the morning, but made no sign at dawn. The Russians, cautiously clambering up, found the defenders frozen to death and the mountain surrounding the fortress littered with frozen corpses and thousands of tons of abandoned munitions and stores. It is known that scattered enemy detachments are locked up in some of the valleys by avalanches and are starving to death.

THE BOOTY.

February 17, 4.50 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, the Official Messenger estimates that Erzerum had a garrison of 100,000 men with 467 guns, while the advanced forts had 1374 guns and the central forts 200.

ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE.

February 17, 5.20 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that Erzerum is of enormous importance because it is a centre of military administration with huge ammunition magazines. It opens for the Russians a wide access northward, westward and southward, thus foiling the plans of the German Staff. Naturally, the Turks will try to repair the disaster, but the Russians will speedily consolidate the positions.

The Russian Press is particularly pleased, and says the success will facilitate the British advance in Mesopotamia besides echoing in the Balkans, Persia and Afghanistan.

LIBERAL M.P. RESIGNS.

February 17, 12.20 p.m.
Sir Wilfred Lawson, Liberal M.P. for Cockermonth, has resigned his seat in the House of Commons, as he disapproves of the Government's war policy.

MUNITION FACTORIES.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S BUILDING PROPOSAL.

February 17, 1.30 p.m.
Mr. Lloyd George urges the cessation of building and the temporary transfer of the labour to the building of munition factories.

ALCOHOL OUTPUT.

February 17, 1.30 p.m.
Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Bunciman have conferred with the distillers with a view to increasing the output of alcohol for the purposes of explosives.

THE ADRIATIC.

ENEMY SUBMARINES SUNK.

February 17, 1.30 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, M. Hatin, in the *Echo de Paris*, says that during the last three days French warships in the Adriatic have sunk two, and perhaps three, enemy submarines.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

"NOTHING TO REPORT"

February 17, 4.05 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, a communique says there is nothing to report.

GERMAN BUTTER TICKETS.

February 17, 4.45 p.m.
Germany starts better tickets on March 1.

FRENCH HELP ACKNOWLEDGED.

(Havas Telegram.) February 16.
The Tsar has sent his congratulations to President Poincare for the effective help granted to Serbia.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on Page 8.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

A DAMAGED STEAMER.

February 16, 6.20 p.m.
The Dutch steamer *Bandosang*, from Batavia to Rotterdam, is towing the s.s. *Northfleet*, which has been damaged.

LOYAL SOUTH AFRICA.

February 16, 6.20 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Capetown, General Botha, the Premier, speaking in the Assembly, emphasised the absolute loyalty of the Union to the Empire. He said he was prepared, if necessary, to take up arms and do his utmost to successfully conclude the war. About seventeen thousand Union soldiers were in the field and there would possibly be more shortly. Up to the present two and a half millions sterling had been spent by the Union on war purposes.

RESTORATION OF BELGIUM.

February 16, 7.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Havre telegraphs that the Italian Minister and a representative of Japan have associated themselves with the assurances given to the Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs by the Russian Minister, on behalf of the Triple Entente, that hostilities shall not cease before Belgium's political and economic independence have been restored and a liberal indemnity paid, and that the Entente will aid Belgium's commercial and financial recovery.

COMMONS DISCUSS AIR SERVICE.

February 16, 10.50 p.m.
In the House of Commons, in discussing an amendment to the Address regretting that the speech from the Throne did not mention any measures to strengthen the air services, the Rt. Hon. Mr. H. J. Tennant said that the air service was intended as an offensive, and not as a defensive, but was protecting vulnerable points. Naval air-craft was watching the coast, and army air-craft the land. Admiral Sir Percy Scott was still in command of air gunnery, which was now under the War Office. Mr. Balfour said that the air service at the front was one of the glories of the British arms. He denied that the present position as regards defence was the outcome of a policy of drift. The expansion of the air service had been prodigious, but the problem was largely one of supplying material which was still behind hand, though every nerve had been strained. Looking back, he regretted that we did not develop the Zeppelin type. The Admiralty was doing what it could to remedy this, but there was no immediate probability of overtaking the enemy's ten-year start. The amendment was withdrawn.

THE FALL OF ERZERUM.

THE GRAND DUKE'S MESSAGE.

February 16, 10.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the Grand Duke Nicholas has telegraphed to the Tsar as follows:—"God has accorded your valiant troops of the army in the Caucasus such great help that Erzerum has been taken after five days unprecedented assault. I am inexpressibly happy to inform your Majesty of this victory."

THE TURKS' STUBBORN RESISTANCE.

February 17, 3.15 a.m.
There are still no details of the fall of Erzerum. A Petrograd communique refers to the fighting immediately preceding the fall, and says seventy guns, besides munitions and prisoners were captured when nine forts belonging to the covering position of Dereboyun were taken. The fighting in the last stages of these were desperate, the Turks only yielding to fierce bayonet onslaughts. The communique adds that this success is now being developed despite the rigorous cold and local obstacles. The southern part of Erzerum is already in flames and the Turks are hurrying up troops from the west and south in an attempt to relieve the fortress. The Russians continue a successful offensive elsewhere in the Caucasus. They have dislodged the Turks in a series of mountainous positions in the region of the Black Sea littoral, throwing them back across the river Yizir.

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TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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Food price increases:—Britain 47, Germany 83, Austria 112 per cent.

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The fall of Erzerum facilitates the Anglo-Russian advance on Bagdad.

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The Russian Press is particularly pleased over the capture of Erzerum.

A correspondent to a Zurich pro-German paper says Salonica is impregnable.

The Russians found thousands of tons of munitions and stores outside Erzerum.

The Labourites demand pensions for soldiers contracting disease while serving.

German Socialists disapprove of the submarine campaign against armed merchantmen.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation—Meeting of shareholders; noon.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Monday, February 21.

The Races.
Tuesday, February 22,
The Races.

Wednesday, February 23,
The Races.

Friday, February 25,
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co.—Meeting of shareholders; 11.30 a.m.

Saturday, February 26:
Boxing Competitions at the V.R.C.

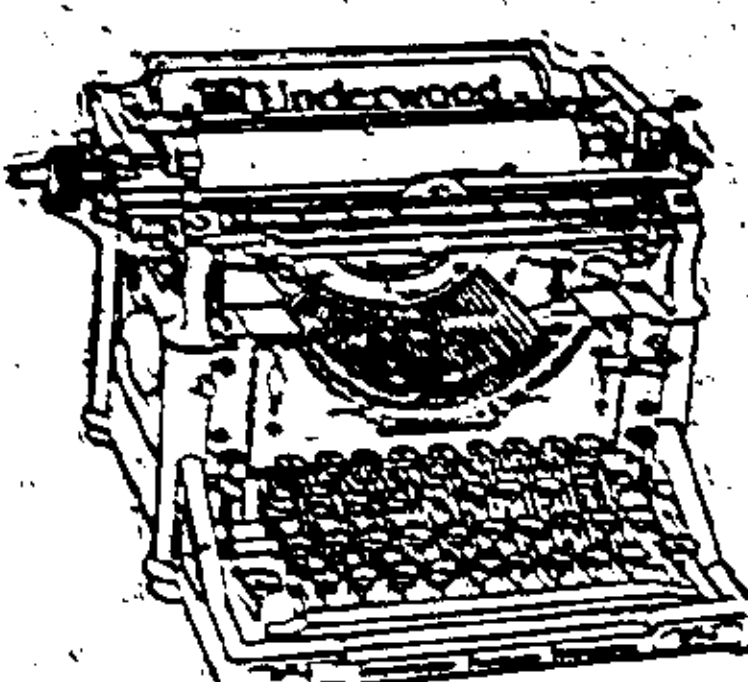
The Races ("Off Day").
Thursday, March 2.

H.K. and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.—Meeting of shareholders; 11.30 a.m.

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also to the most pleasant in my
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American navy that I have been
permitted to enjoy, due to the
kindness of its gallant and am-
iable officers.

"The great and cordial hospi-
tality which is so proverbial for
Americans, and which was ex-
tended also to me from the very
first day of my arrival in the
United States, I can never forget."

"Of course I refrain at the hour
of my departure from again re-
futing all the stories which were
told about me in the American
papers, and which mostly—like
the silly Huerta tale—were inven-
ted by the Providence Journal."

"This paper, with its British-
born Mr. Rathon, has done its
utmost to create an almost hy-
sterical suspicion of spies through-
out the country, in order to
prejudice public opinion against
Germany."

"We Germans do not under-
stand what you call your 'free
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the welfare of the state. But we
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presentatives of friendly govern-
ments to be insulted *ad libitum* or
our Government to be embarrass-
ed in its dealings with other na-
tions, nor men's reputations to be
wantonly sacrificed by the wild
and reckless utterances of an
irresponsible press like the Pro-
vidence Journal. And I venture
to predict that, in sheer self-
defence, you will be forced to
take like measures, notwithstanding
the dangerous power of your
press."

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and are being supplied from this
country with all the forms of
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long since been overcome, I have
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at the outset of the war in
chartering ships to supply our
cruisers at sea with coal and food,
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for the American warships at sea,
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ed of scrap iron."

"In this connection I may cite
one of the leading American news-
papers which said, on December
5, in regard to the recall of my
colleague, Captain von Papen, and
myself: 'It would be worth con-
siderable to us if we keep our
sense of proportion working and
do not permit prejudice to shut
out our perspective.'"

"It is my heartfelt hope that
the United States and Germany,
which have so many common
interests, will always main-
tain their friendly relations,
that peace will come soon and
that the abatement of passion will
enable all Americans to have for
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good will as formerly."

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GENERAL NEWS.

Former Turf Agent's Fortune.
Mr. Henry Steel, of Sheffield, one of the founders of the well-known firm of Steel, Peck, and Tossar, steel merchants, and in his earlier days one of the best-known turf agents in the kingdom, and a leading member of Tattersall's, left \$552,418.

"Glensky."

Glensky, who will be remembered as one of the speediest horses of his day, has been sold by Mr. J. B. Taylor to Mr. Masker, and he will stand at the Melton Stud next season. The son of Lesterlin is a half-brother to Flying Orb, and he has held court near Mullingar for the past three seasons. His yearlings and foals are very promising.

Unbeatable "Tommy."

Recently, in one of the many sections of our west front where the enemy's trenches are very near our own, the Boches stuck up a board on which they had chalked "Gott Mit Uns". There was no linguist on our side, but the enemy immediately got a written retort which must have puzzled them a good deal. It was "We've Got Mittens, Too".

Australasian Race Horse Owner's Sale.

It would appear as if Messrs. Robinson and Clark, the well-known Australian owners, are parting with some of their horses, for flash of Steel, Red Dennis, St. Spain, and Half a Glass were advertised for sale when the last mail left. Flash of Steel, who won the Futurity Stakes at Caulfield last February, was bred in Ireland, and the other three have all won races in England.—*Athletic News.*

U.S. Immigration Law and the Chinese.
A New York dispatch, dated the 26th January to the *Asahi* reports that Dr. Wellington Ku, Chinese Minister at Washington, visited the State Department and inquired about the proposed revision of the United States Immigration Law, aiming at the exclusion of Orientals from the United States, now before the U.S. Congress. Mr. Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, replied that he was watching the progress of the bill closely, as he believed it would have a considerable effect upon the United States' international relations and treaties with foreign countries.

Suicide in the Indian Sea.
A message from Takamatsu reports that an Indian cabin passenger on board the O.S.K. s.s. Uwajima Maru No. 10, who booked his passage at Kobe, was discovered to be missing on February 5, between Tadotsu and Imabara. He is believed to have committed suicide by jumping overboard while the steamer was in the Sea of Ritschi. When he booked the passage he gave his name as O. Mohamed. He is said to have spoken Japanese very fluently. Judging from this it may be assumed that he had resided in this country for a long time. A search is being made for his body. A later report gives the unfortunate man's name as E. Kurjee, or Kaljee.

Good Medicine for a Labour Member.

During a recent debate in the House of Commons Captain Campbell rose in his Highland military kilt and sporran, and denounced the "voluminous verbiage" of certain Labour members. He was wounded a few months ago, an arm being broken in several places by a shell. "Got on with the war," he cried in his impatience at the perpetual talk. "If I had a man like the hon. member for Hanley (Mr. Outthwaite L.) out at the front he would be strung up by the thumbs in half an hour," he cried amid cheers. Whereupon the Labour member asked: "How many of your battalion would you want to do it?" And Captain Campbell replied: "I would reserve that task to myself, although I have only the use of one arm—having lost the use of the other in a task which the hon. member for Hanley would never risk (loud cheers)."

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GENERAL NEWS.

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

A Chinese Executed in London.

London, Jan. 1.—A Chinese seaman, Lee Kun, aged 27, was executed at Pentonville Prison this morning for the murder of Elsie Goddard, otherwise Clara Thomas, by stabbing her with a large sheath knife at the back of a house in Lime-house.

Mustn't be Worried.

The President of the Divorce Court resolutely refused a motion for the services of a petition on an artillery major serving at the front, on the ground that the officer must not be worried or distracted. "I won't let him be bothered," declared his honour. "His wife must submit to inconvenience for her country's sake."

Huge Shoal of Dolphins.

It is reported from Yamaguchi that a great shoal of dolphins, estimated to number not less than 1,500, has appeared near the coast of Aomori, Senzaki Cho, Yamaguchi Prefecture. The fishermen are capturing between 300 and 400 dolphins daily says the *Kobe Herald*. The beach is crowded with spectators, such a vast shoal of dolphins not having been heard of in the neighbourhood at any previous time.

Wonderful Transport Record.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—In the transporting of Canadian troops, both by land and water, a most gratifying record has been achieved by those in charge. There have so far been transported by rail 225,000 men, and out of this large number there was only one fatal accident. On the ocean there were transported 121,993 men, including 1,290 to Bermuda and St. Lucia, and 1,871 brought back to Canada. Out of all the number carried on the ocean there was not a single accident.

Concealed German Funds at Tsingtao.

The *Japan Times* states that Herr Ritzmuller, formerly Manager of the Tsingtao Branch of the German-Asiatic Bank, and seven other Germans, who have been tried on a charge of concealing war funds to the amount of ¥1,000,000 when the forts were surrendered, were sent back to the Osaka detention camp from Tsingtao, where they were taken some time ago, on the completion of the trial at Tsingtao. The concealed funds, which were buried in orange boxes, have been discovered by the Military Administration Office.

Another Industrial Patriot.

London, January 12.—At Govan Police court, Glasgow, to day, a workman named Robert Duncan was charged with malicious mischief. It was stated that he had been employed in an important Government factory, and had been changed from one machine to another. The change did not please him, and to show his disapproval he cut the wire of a planing machine. It took eight hours to repair the damage thus caused, with the result that the firm lost valuable time. Duncan was fined £10, or 60 days' imprisonment.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

(Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of February 18, 1915.)

Enemy Advancing in Poland.

The Russians on the 15th inst. obstinately fought superior German forces which were trying to surround the two Russian wings in the vicinity of Augustowo. The enemy column is advancing from Grajewo to Oswiec. The enemy has reached the front formed by Plock and Raciez, between the Vistula and the Skwa rivers. The situation in the Carpathians is essentially unchanged. We repulsed determined German attacks at Kozienicka and Wysockow. The enemy captured Nadorna and has crossed the Sereth river in Bukovina.

British Raid on Belgian Coast.

It is officially announced that 40 aeroplanes and seaplanes bombarded Ostend, Middelkerke, and Zeebrugge yesterday afternoon. Bombs were dropped on heavy batteries on both sides of Ostend Harbour, on gun positions at Middelkerke, and on the mole at Zeebrugge, in order to widen the breaches made in the previous attack. Good results were obtained. The official account of the air raid states that bombs were also dropped on transport waggons on the Ostend-Ghistelles Road, on the locks at Zeebrugge and on the barges outside Blankenberg, and trawlers outside Zeebrugge. Eight French aeroplanes assisted the British naval machines by vigorously attacking the Ghistelles aerodrome and thus effectively prevented German aircraft from intercepting our machines. The Admiralty adds that instructions have always been issued to confine attacks to points of military importance and every effort is made by flying officers to avoid bomb-dropping on residential quarters.

The Case of the Wilhelmnia.

A message from Washington announces that the State Department, yesterday, sent the Ambassador in London evidence submitted by the owners of the Wilhelmnia's cargo for the purpose of proving that the cargo was not subject to seizure. The State Department suggest that unless Great Britain has sufficient grounds, which hitherto have not been advanced, for acting otherwise, the ship should be permitted to proceed immediately with the cargo to her destination (Hamburg). It is also stated that the owners have satisfied the State Department that the cargo was not intended for the German Army or Government.

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DEATH.

FORBES.—At the Peak Hospital, on February 18, after a long
illness, J. F. Forbes, of the China Sugar Refinery, son of the late Mr.
J. Forbes, of Greenock, aged 34 years.
The funeral will pass the Monument at 6 p.m. to-day.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1916.

TRADE AFTER THE WAR.

Now that the British public appears to be in the mood to throw
over the fetish of so-called Free Trade, it will be interesting to see
what suggestions are made for the revision of our commercial and
industrial policies after the war. That there will be changes—and
large ones, too—we have no doubt, and the endeavour will certainly
be made to evolve some scheme by which the component parts of
the Empire, as well as the whole of the Allied nations, will be
brought closer together in their trade relations one with the other.
There exists to-day a firm and immovable resolve to restrict the trade
of our enemies after the cessation of hostilities, and that resolve is
based on the perfectly sound theory that a financially weak nation
cannot afford to be militarily aggressive. But if all we read is true,
the restriction of German trade will not be a matter of choice with
the Entente Powers, for we notice a report to the effect that there
is a corresponding movement in Germany and Austria-Hungary, the
idea, apparently, being to create a Central European Zollverein, with
which contiguous nations would have to make trade arrangements.
That development, however, is scarcely one which needs be taken
seriously into account at the moment; nor need we pause to consider
its eventual aspect, since by the time the Allies have finished with
the Central Powers both Germany and Austria will have become so
utterly discredited and humiliated that they will find few friends left
who will listen to their specious commercial ideas. In the far distant
future, of course, we may see the reflection of the war in the creation
of great international trading groups, and these groups may
find it to their interests to inter-deal one with the other, but
we venture to think that never again will Britain or her Allies
consent to resume commercial intercourse with the enemy on any-
thing like the indulgent lines they have in the past. The temper
of the British people is summed up in the idea of forming an
economic union between the Empire and our Allies, directed to
confirm our common trade and commerce against our joint enemy.
That is one of the planks in the platform of the so-called National
Party which is in course of formation at Home, and another of its
proposals is that for a period of twenty-five years after the war no
German shall be permitted to become a partner in any British con-
cern, nor be allowed to acquire domicile in the Empire during that
period. These are great, drastic changes, to be sure. But the
situation from now henceforth in the world's markets will most
assuredly call for a radical revision of ideas and practices. And
the relegation of Germany, Austria and Turkey to a back seat
among commercial nations is the primary aim which must always
be kept in view.

Street Washwomen.

In spite of the fact that the
Police are exercising a deal of
increased watchfulness over those
who are the authors of street
nuisances, there seems to be one
class allowed to go unnoticed.
We refer to those people—mostly
women—who see fit to make the
pavements their laundries, and,
as a result, splash dirty soap-suds
over our pavements and streets.
The main streets are fortunately
free from this annoyance, but one
has only to turn up any of the
thoroughfares leading off Queen's
Road to find that at almost every
water standard are congregated
one or two women doing their
families' washing with that free-
dom from interference which has
more than likely led them to as-
sume that it is quite the proper
place for such an occupation. In
some instances it is an impossi-
bility for the pedestrian to walk
on the pavement owing to flag-
stones being used as
"washing boards," and the risk
he runs of being liberally splashed
with water. Whether or not this
"al fresco" linen-clearing is
specifically barred by ordinance,
matters little, for it cannot be
denied that the matter is a nuisance,
and, as such, it comes within
the power of the law to suppress
it. Residents would certainly be
thankful if these street washer-
women were made to understand
that their own homes is the place
for washing to be done, and that
the "keepers of the peace" were
instructed to see that the woman
came to that understanding with-
out any great delay.

A Novel Suggestion.

The question of the cost of the
war has loomed large among the
issues of the day for some time
past, and many suggestions have
been put forward as to the assist-
ance which the general public can
give in this respect. It has been
pointed out that if everyone at
Home were only to put by one
penny per week, a sum of
over nine millions sterling
could be saved or lent to the
Government. But certain people
have gone one better than that by
suggesting that every body should
buy one penny stamp every week
and destroy it, without using it.
By this means, it is pointed out,
the nation would benefit without
having a costly system of collect-
ing the money, the only expense
involved being the printing of the
stamps, which is infinitesimal.
Quite a number of people are
already doing this, so
we read, and the idea cer-
tainly seems a happy and novel
one. We in Hongkong are not, of
course, affected by the war to the
same extent as the people at Home,
but we shall need all the revenue
which the Colony can lay its hands
on before the struggle is over. So
if we want to ease the burden and
at the same time each do our lit-
tle bit, why not follow out the
same idea here? A "run" on four-
cent stamps would help the Col-
ony, while the individual expendi-
ture would not be felt by anybody.

German Tennis Players.

We see it stated that amongst
the German prisoners of war in
England are the two famous lawn
tennis players, O. Kretzschmar and
O. Kretzschmar, the former of whom,
as he holds a commission in the
German Army, is in an officers'
detention camp, while the latter,
being just an ordinary soldier,
has had to join the rank and
file of the German
prisoners. As tennis players
—wonderful exponents of the
game—they won a deal of
popularity in sporting circles
both in England and in the
United States, and they were
annual visitors to the Wimbledon
tournaments, where they often
knocked out against that king
of players, A. F. Wilding, who,
like many another British sports-
man, has laid down his life for
the Empire. One may per-
haps be pardoned for wondering
how these German tennis players
will be regarded when the days
of peace return. The mood of
England and her Allies at present
is to ban all things German, now
and for ever after, and while
these two players have always
shown themselves good sports-
men, very many years must elapse,
we imagine, before they can be
received on an English court again.

DAY BY DAY

SOME BOOKS ARE TO BE TESTED
OTHERS TO BE SWALLOWED AND
SOME FEW TO BE CHEWED AND
DIGESTED.—Bacon.

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 52;
fog. (1915, 50 fog.)
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 62;
dull. (1915, 62 clear.)

The Mails.
Siberian Mail.—Due per a.s. An-
drea Lebon to-morrow.
Australian Mail.—Due per a.s.
Laiyuan to-morrow.
French Mail.—Closes per a.s.
André Lebon at 4 p.m. to-
morrow.
Siberian Mail.—Closes per a.s.
Chenan at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on
demand to-day is 1/11 3/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 107th anniver-
sary of the birth of Edgar Allan
Poe.

Rough Seas.
The s.s. Koochow, from Saigon,
reports fresh monsoon and rough
seas on the run up.

For Pakhoi.
The Bishop of Victoria and the
Rev. H. G. H. Griffith left for
Pakhoi by the s.s. Sankiang
yesterday.

Bank Meeting.
The hundredth meeting of share-
holders in the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation
takes place at noon to-morrow.

Price of Rubber.
Messrs. Wright and Hornby
have received a cable from the
Straits to the effect that rubber
has advanced \$20 per picul, or,
say, 41-5d. per lb.

Larceny of a Ring.
Mr. A. F. Ponsby, has laid in-
formation at the Police Station
that someone entered his office at
the Naval Dockyard and stole a
finger ring valued at \$20.

Dominoes.
Before Mr. Hazeland, at the
Police Court this morning, a
Chinese was charged with gam-
bling with dominoes. A fine of
\$3, or seven days, was imposed.

Theft of Money.
The Chinese caretaker of the
Chinese Recreation Club has re-
ported that someone broke a pane
of glass and gained an entry into
the premises, stealing \$82 in
money.

The Melbournees.
The opening performance of
the Melbourne Company takes
place to-night at the Victoria
Theatre. The company is booked
for a fortnight, but if it meets
with the same success as attended
it at Shanghai it is probable that
its stay will be considerably
lengthened.

Deported.
When a case was called at the
Summary Court this morning, Mr.
P. W. Golding, who appeared for
defendant, said that his client
had been deported from the
Colony. If the case were adjourned,
he would probably be able to
make some arrangements. The
case was adjourned.

Bijou Theatre.
The current programme at the
Bijou Theatre is a most interest-
ing one, and includes two thrilling
film dramas: "A King's Romance"
and "The Fatal Grotto."
Tomorrow there will be a com-
plete change of programme, when
the great historical drama
"Theodora" will be screened.

Optim Case Remanded.
A Chinese, named Li Sze, was
charged at the Police Court this
morning, before Mr. Hazeland,
with unlawfully having in her
possession 4 lb. of loose opium,
found on her by a Chinese Re-
venue Officer. Revenue Officer
Wilden said Mr. D'Almada, who
was sick, wished the case to be
remanded until Monday, as he was
for the defence. This was
accordingly done, bail being
fixed at \$400.

Gambler's Alarm Signal.
A novel method of giving the
alarm to a school of gamblers was
instituted by eight Chinese who
were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood
at the Police Court this morning
with gambling with cards and
dominoes. On the table close to
the hand of the waiter was a
bell, and the sounding of this
was the signal for a general rush
from the police raiding the
establishment. This, however,
did not prevent some of them
being captured. A fine of \$4 was
imposed in each case.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS

COUNT VON BERNSTORFF.

The Erratum Success.

The fall of the Turkish strong-
hold of Eserum marks another
Russian stride towards final
victory. It is easy either to under-
estimate or to over-estimate the
importance of this latest success.
Eserum, with its strong circle of
detached forts, was certainly of
incalculable value to the
enemy, if only for the reason
that so long as it remained in
his hands, it formed a tolerably
effective bar to Russian pro-
gress westwards or southwards;
and its capture almost
necessarily implies the seizure of
a fairly wide area round and
beyond. It is good to think that
Russian shrewdness and caution
will not allow the victors to ex-
aggerate the importance of this
capture, or to forget that there
were many in Germany who
thought that Russia's loss of var-
ious fortresses on her Western
front meant her absolute down-
fall. So far as one may judge by
the past behaviour of our Eastern
ally, it is safe to say that the suc-
cess will be regarded by him as
chiefly valuable as a spur and a
moral encouragement both to
soldiers and to civilians.

A Wearisome Controversy.
If we were to take Count von
Bernstorff at his own value we
should be disposed to think that
he and Germany are one and the
same thing, and that the world
ought to pause with bated breath
while he bandies words with the
American Government. But it
happens that no one outside the
United States (and probably but
few people there) cares the toss
of a coin what he thinks, proposes
or intends. All this interminable
talk about the Lusitania, the
arming of merchantmen etc.,
does not affect the war by a hair's
weight or breadth, and we feel
sure that by far the majority of
American citizens feel that their
Government is wasting quite a
lot of time in allowing such a
person as von Bernstorff to argue
with it. Whether he and Mr.
Lansing agree or disagree is of
no importance or interest outside
Washington. The world has
other business to attend to. At a
rough guess, we should say that
the average American subject is
far more concerned about
Germany's performance within
his own country and in the
neighbouring Dominion. When
fires and explosions—attended by
loss of American life—are taking
place with such lamentable fre-
quency, it is idle for Ger-
many's representative to seek to
throw blame thought into another
channel. While von Bernstorff
is posing and debating about
things that don't matter, Ameri-
can life and property are at stake;
and a practically-minded people
is scarcely likely to be blind to
that fact.

Other Matters.
We are glad to think that,
among the Canadians, public
indignation against the cowardly
race of assassins, incendiaries and
spies will speedily take a materi-
al form. Of course it is going to
be no easy matter to guard the
Boundary effectively against the
incursions of such gentlemen;
but Canada will assuredly know
how to handle them as they
are caught. We hope that the
Government at Home will
not fail to take warning by these
events in Canada to do a little
more, internally. Latest Home
papers show that, according to
an admission of the Under
Secretary to the Home Office,
there are still twenty-three
thousand (!) Germans and Aus-
trians at large in the United King-
dom—four hundred of whom
(males) are to be found along the
south and east coasts. But may
be the Cabinet will wait for these
to blow up a few more
houses or ships or railways
before attending to them. Other
points of interest in the overnight
wires are the new Credit Vote of
\$400,000,000 and the additional
assurances given to the Belgians
that the war will not cease till their
little bill is paid. We should like
to hear of something rather more
positive than this; of let us say—
a mild hint to Germany that there
are other things besides the res-
toration and indemnification of
Belgium to be settled before the
fighting can cease.

A TAILOR'S BILL.

Hongkong German Prisoner Sued.

A case in which the defendant
was one of the prisoners of war
in Kowloon Camp was before the
Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gom-
perts) this morning. The case
was that in which Pak Cheong,
tailor, sued A. Jahrand for \$40.30
for goods sold.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner, who ap-
peared for the plaintiff, said that
the defendant was now in Sydney.
He was formerly one of the
interned prisoners of war and left
on the s.s. Empire.

Asked if the defendant was
served, Mr. Gardiner said he was
not, but a writ of sign attack-
ment had been secured. The
defendant admitted the
claim, with the exception
of a coat, which he said was not
returned to him.

His Lordship—I cannot try
the issue of the coat in the man's
absence.
Mr. Gardiner—I am entitled
to judgment under the writ of
foreign attachment. It has been
advised for 14 days, and is re-
deemable to-day.

His Lordship—Your clients
are well-known tailors, and I
suppose that if ever the defendant
returned to these shores he would
be able to get redress if he wanted
it.

Mr. Gardiner—Yes.
His Lordship decided to hear
the case in Chambers to-morrow.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F.
C. Jenkin, D. S. P. (Reserve)
states:—

Route March Cancellation.
The Route March, ordered for
Saturday, February 19th, is can-
celled.

Masketry Part II.
The following Platoons will
fire on Sunday, February 20th,
leaving Blake Pier as indicated:—
9. a.m. Nos. 3 and 4 platoons of
No. 2 Company and N.C.O.s of
same Company who have not fir-
ed Part II. All N.C.O.s of this
Company will attend for Range
Duties.

1 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons
of No. 2 Company, and No. 2
Platoon of No. 1 Company. Insp. Lammert, Serg. Eustace, Hewitt,
Fothergill, Butterfield and Willis
will attend for Range Duties.

Ambulance Company.
This Company will do duty
from 12 noon to 6.0 p.m. during
the Race Meeting, February 21st
to 23rd. Sergeant Insp. Thomas
will issue the necessary orders,
and will immediately report as
defaults any absentees.

Summer Uniforms.
Platoons will attend at Central
Station at 5.30 p.m. for measure-
ment as follows:—

Friday, February 18th.—No. 1
Platoon No. 1 Company.

Friday, February 25th.—No. 1
& 2 Platoons No. 3 Company.

Wednesday, March 1st.—Nos. 3
& 4 Platoons No. 3 Company.

Thursday, March 2nd.—Am-
bulance Company.

No. 2 Platoon of No. 1 Company
will attend at Water Police Station
at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday,
February 24th.

Mounted Police and Maxim
Gunnery.

P.C.s transferred to these detach-
ments will perform their ordinary
patrol duties until the end of the
present month.

Drill Cup.
The Competition for the Drill
Cup presented by the Legal Pro-
fession will be held at the Central
Police Station on Saturday, March
18th.

Platoons will drill under their
own Commanders during the in-
tervening three weeks commencing
on Monday, February 28th,
instructions will be issued.

Tramways.
The Officials of the Tramway
Company have been advised that
members of the Police Reserve
should not be permitted to travel
free on the Company's Trams
when in uniform except when
travelling for the sole purpose of
going on or coming off or in the
performance of duty. To attempt
to travel free of charge except in
such circumstances is a breach of
Police Regulations.

HOUSEBOY'S CLAIM.

An Action Which Failed.

It will be remembered that at
the Police Court a few days ago
Mr. Hazeland fined a "boy" in
the employ of Mr. W. M. Macfarlane,
of the Hongkong Ice Com-
pany, Leichibok, \$10 for assault-
ing his master, and ordered
him to forfeit the month's pay
which was then due to him.
At the Summary Court this
morning it transpired that the
summons by Mr. Macfarlane was
a result of the "boy" taking out a
summons for the recovery of the
month's wages. When the "boy"
had taken out the summons, Mr.
Macfarlane went to the Police
Court and summoned him for
leaving him without notice.

At the Summary Court to-day
the "boy" was claiming \$15 as
wages due. When the case was
called, His Lordship (Mr. Justice
Gomperts) said that the Magis-
trate had been to see him about
the case, and had said that if he
had known that a case was pend-
ing here he would not have tried
the other case. The "boy" had
been fined \$10, but the Magistrate
had now decided to suspend the
payment of the fine and had re-
opened the case, with the view to
a fresh trial.

Mrs. Macfarlane then gave
evidence, saying that the "boy"
left them without notice, because
his wife, who was acting as Amah,
wanted to leave as she did not
understand the work. She denied
that the "boy" was told to go,
and that she had told the com-
proadors that she was getting an-
other boy.
His Lordship decided to dismiss
the claim.

BEER ADVERTISED ON CROWN PROPERTY.

The manager of the Mitsui
Bussan Kaisha Steamship Com-
pany was summoned at the Police
Court this morning, before Mr.
Hazeland, for causing to be affixed
on Crown property—namely the
wall of the steps from Queen's
Road Central to Battery Path—
a poster advertising Asahi beer.
Inspector Brown stated that
he saw the poster advertising
Asahi beer on the wall on Feb-
ruary 9.
Defendant said he informed a
clerk in the office to tell the coolie
to put the poster in a public
place, and he had hung it there.
He (Defendant) was very sorry.
A fine of \$1 was imposed.

TROUBLE OVER A DOG.

Before Mr. Hazeland, at the
Police Court, this morning, G. A.
B. de Silva of Barrow Terrace,
Kowloon, summoned B. de Souza,
Barrow Path, Kowloon, for keep-
ing a dangerous dog.
Mr. Gardiner who was present
in Court, said that Mr. D'Almada
was appearing for the complain-
ant in the case, but, as he was
laid up, he had asked him (Mr.
Gardiner) if he would ask His
Worship to fix another date.
His Worship said he would
hear the case on Thursday next.
Addressing defendant, His Wor-
ship asked:—Do you admit you
keep a dog accustomed to annoy
passengers? Defendant:—No,
Sir; I do not.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby
advise us that the Langkat output
for the current month is as
follows:—

February 1	Tons	222
" 2	"	203
" 3	"	198
" 4	"	203
" 5	"	194
" 6	"	183
" 7	"	181
" 8	"	190
" 9	"	187
" 10	"	144
" 11	"	144
" 12	"	152
" 13	"	143
" 14	"	149
" 15	"	210
" 16	"	211
" 17	"	204
Total to 17th inst.		3,088
Daily average		181.64

TELEGRAMS.

THE DUTCH FLOODS.

Country Imperilled.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

London, Received, February 18.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that in the north-west the storm is imperilling Holland. The waters are rushing in at the Moankendam and the inhabitants are again evacuating Volendam.

The railway dyke between Farmerend and Oostsaan is destroyed, this threatening a fresh catastrophe. Large forces of troops are striving to stem the floods, but a rupture of the dykes at Alameer, near Amsterdam, appears inevitable, and this would involve several polders.

POLICE HAUL OF JEWELLERY.

Visitors from the Country.

The table in Mr. Wood's Court, at the Police Court this morning, presented the appearance of a jeweller's shop. Two Chinese were charged with being in unlawful possession of several pieces of jewellery including two solid gold bracelets, three half sovereigns in the form of a bracelet, and five rings, to the total value of \$200.

Defendants denied that the articles were stolen, saying that they had come from the country and before leaving were given a quantity of gold by their father so that it could be converted into rings. They had done this with part of the gold and were returning home when they were caught. Inspector Terrett said the men were going aboard a steamer when their attitude made a Chinese constable suspicious, with the result that he arrested them, and the stuff was found in their possession. The police made enquiries and the Tin Sang gold shop was visited, where the police found that the defendants had deposited the gold bangles together with a piece of gold in exchange for the other articles and \$100 to boot. Defendants at the police station said the bangles belonged to their sisters. One of their clansmen visited the station, and said he would get their father down. The clansman would not say that the articles had been come by, honestly.

Defendants were allowed out on bail in \$100 each, the case being remanded for enquiries.

AN UNACCEPTED EXPLANATION.

Stolen Money Concealed in a Cap.

A Chinese is to-day sadly regretting the confidence and trust he placed in his fellow-servant, who ill repaid him by stealing \$60 from his bag.

The coolie who was the victim of the theft said in Court to-day that he missed the money and after a search made by him and another, the defendant was suspected, with the result that he was searched. At first nothing could be found on him, but upon closer examination a roll of 10 cent-pieces was found in his cap. He said the money was his. They all went up to the Police Station together, where defendant admitted that he had stolen the money and also that he had changed it into bank notes at the money changer's.

Defendant said he was going away into the country and pawned his jacket for which he received \$5. The day before he left, the money was announced as missing and he thought the other folks had sowed the money into his cap either to get him into trouble or to play a trick on him. He had no witnesses and every coolie was going to give evidence against him.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

COMPANY REPORT.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.

Yesterday we published the Directors' report of the above Company; we now give the full statement of accounts.

Balance Sheet, 31st Dec. 1915.

LIABILITIES.

To Capital, 60,000 fully paid up shares at \$50	3,000,000.00
To Reserve fund	600,000.00
To Equalisation of Dividend fund	150,000.00
To Sundry creditors	229,381.13
To Unclaimed dividends	3,447.50
To Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	36,259.99
To Balance of Profit and Loss account	471,895.87
	\$4,490,984.29

ASSETS.

By value of Kowloon Land as per last a/c	\$1,341,230.18
By value of Kowloon Buildings	1,591,999.54
Since expended	10,938.65
	\$1,602,988.19
By value of Wharves at Kowloon as per last a/c	490,087.05
Less written off last year	35,087.05
	\$455,000.00
Since expended	175,772.11
	\$630,772.11
By value of Railways and Rolling stock at Kowloon as per last account	96,128.70
Less written off last year	10,128.70
	\$86,000.00
By value of Launches as per last account	88,209.88
Less written off last year	11,209.88
	75,000.00
Less sale of Albatross	10,000.00
	65,000.00
By value of Lighters as per last a/c	251,175.25
Less written off last year	48,175.25
	\$203,000.00
By value of Machinery and Plant as per last a/c	139,935.54
Less written off last year	16,935.54
	\$123,000.00
Less sale of old gear	1,998.65
	\$121,001.35
By value of Land and Buildings at West Point	263,143.88
By value of West Point Wharf as per last a/c	5,636.17
Less written off last year	636.17
	5,000.00
By Sundry debtors	167,649.13
By value of coal on hand	723.60
By value of stores on hand	4,035.55
By 1 Share Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.	460.00
	\$4,490,984.29

Profit and Loss Account.

To Interest	\$ 8,179.54
To Repairs	81,624.95
To Directors' and Auditors' fees	10,700.00
To Balance	471,895.87
	\$572,400.18

By Balance from last account	\$ 101,107.41
By Net earnings for 1915	471,292.75
	\$572,400.18

DAVID LANDALE, Directors.
C. P. CHATER, W. S. BROWN, Secretary.

We certify that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion, the balance sheet

COMPANY MEETING.

The Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.

(VERBATIM.)

The annual meeting of shareholders in the Kowloon Land and Building Company Limited was held to-day at the offices of the Company, Victoria Building, at noon. The chair was occupied by Mr. T. F. Hough (Chairman of Directors), and there were also present Messrs. J. Rodger, T. E. Pearce (Directors), M. E. Northcote (Acting Secretary), F. H. Seth, A. A. Fyfe, and E. Bruce Shepherd (shareholders).

The Chairman said:—As it is past the hour for which the meeting has been called I will ask the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

The Secretary having read the notice, The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and accounts, with which is printed the auditor's report, having been in your hands for some days, I propose to take as read.

I regret to say that the year's working does not compare favourably with that of the previous year, the net result being \$5,035.04 short of the profit made for 1914. The explanation of this is of course not far to seek, due as it is to the falling off in rents arising from the loss of many of our former tenants from War causes; and I regret to say that we have several of our houses still vacant. I have little doubt however but that when times improve these will again readily let.

With these few remarks, I now beg to propose that the report and accounts, as presented, be adopted and passed.

Mr. Seth:—I have much pleasure in seconding that.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, you have heard the report and accounts proposed and seconded and they are now open for discussion, if any gentleman has any question to ask. I will now put the motion to the meeting. Will you kindly vote upon it? On the contrary? That is carried unanimously.

The Secretary:—The next business is the confirmation of Mr. T. E. Pearce as director.

Mr. Shepherd:—I beg to propose the confirmation of Mr. T. E. Pearce as director.

Mr. Northcote:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—You have heard the proposal with regard to Mr. Pearce's confirmation as a director. Will you kindly vote on that? That is carried unanimously.

The Secretary:—The next business is the re-election of Mr. J. Rodger and Mr. T. E. Pearce as directors.

Mr. Fyfe:—I beg to propose the re-election of Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. J. Rodger as directors.

Mr. Seth:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—You have heard the proposal, proposed by Mr. Fyfe and seconded by Mr. Seth. Will you kindly vote on that? That is carried unanimously.

The Secretary:—The next business is the re-election of Mr. Percy Smith as auditor.

Mr. Rodger:—I propose the re-election of Mr. Percy Smith as auditor.

Mr. Pearce:—I have pleasure in seconding that.

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by Mr. Rodger and seconded by Mr. Pearce that Mr. Percy Smith be re-elected auditor. Will you kindly vote on that? That is carried unanimously.

Gentlemen, that concludes the business; thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready and may be had on application at the office of the General Managers.

referred to in the report is properly drawn up, so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Company. We have seen all the Securities.

F. MAITLAND, H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A., Auditors.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1916.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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WHICH CANNOT BE EXCELLED FOR QUALITY.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

The Yunnan Position.

The real significance of the Yunnan revolt becomes clearer and clearer as time goes by and fuller and fuller news comes to hand as to the general conditions in the province, says the Shanghai National Review of February 12. The report of the British Consul at Yunnan to the effect that the province generally is quiet and travelling normal is sufficient to indicate that the whole province is not behind the rebel movement. This is confirmed by an interesting letter we have ourselves received from an important Yunnan city, in which we are informed that the people as a whole favour a monarchy if they favour anything.

The writer of the letter, a foreigner who has long lived in Yunnan, says that there is general indifference on the matter, but amongst those who do give the subject any attention the feeling is in favour of the monarchy, and the people are ready to accept what the leaders think best. The rallying of herds of malcontents to the standard of T'ai Ao is easily explained in the light of our correspondence. We are told that for a long time there has been considerable brigandage, and that the Government troops have not always been able to get the best of their encounters with the lawless. The rebel movement has doubtless attracted the outlaws, in large numbers, and it is not at all unlikely that the superior attractions of a rebel movement, with its possible opportunities of looting rich cities, have led to a desertion of the ordinary bandits of these people in favour of the rebel army. This will in some measure account for the Consular report that the province is quiet and free for travel at the present moment.

With the people at least indifferent as to the constitutional issue, with those who think about it at all in favour of a monarchy, it is not difficult to understand that T'ai Ao's rising is about as likely to be tinged with true republicanism or democracy as the Devil is likely to wash himself in holy water. The real explanation is undoubtedly thoroughly-going selfishness backed up in all probability by the nods and becks and wretched smiles of not altogether disinterested outsiders. Into the origin of T'ai Ao's stalwart and very newly acquired "republicanism" we enquired in our last issue, and we need not pursue the enquiry further; but it is well that the real elements in it should not be forgotten. The British Consular report and our own correspondence clearly indicate that the disturbance is very narrowly circumscribed, so far as the province of Yunnan itself is concerned, and the reports of the adherence of other provinces to the rebel cause need not cause any serious alarm, for the conditions are likely to be similar there. Clearly the Government itself is not unduly alarmed. A movement that is making no headway, that lacks munitions and only has men drawn to it by hope of loot, which so far has been lacking cannot last long, and can have no national, political or other major significance.

FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the Dices-an School Old Boys' Association in a football match versus Kowloon Dock Juniors to-morrow, the 18th inst., at 4.30 p.m. on the Club ground:—H. Archie, Lee Ho-kam, H. Abbas, Y. Abbas, B. Young, P. Pasco, A. Arculli, W. M. Musket, Ip Kwan, Noordin Ramjaha and Edwin Gifford.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT

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I. Authorized Capital - £5,000,000
Subscribed Capital - 4,500,000

II. Paid-up Capital - £2,437,500
III. Life and Annuity Funds - 17,567,530

IV. Reserve Fund - 128,230

Revenue Fire Branch - £281,556
Life and Annuity - 2,741,593

Marine Department - 337,234
Other Receipts - 478,340

The Accumulative Funds of the vari-
ous Branches are respectively invested
and the Assets of the Company are not
to meet the claims under the respective
Departments of the Company's business.

RACE WEEK AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

A CINDERELLA DANCE will
be held on each of the following
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and DINERS in the HOTEL:-

MONDAY,

21st February, 1916.

TUESDAY,

22nd February, 1916.

WEDNESDAY,

23rd February, 1916.

By kind permission of Lieut-
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Christian will be in attendance.

Special menus will be served
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London via Port	Namur	P. & O.	24, Feb.
London & Cape Town via Ports	Hitachi M.	N. Y. K.	24, Feb.
London	Glenstrae	S. T. & Co.	Mar.
London	Protosilaur	B. & S.	6, Mar.
London & Cape Town via Ports	Iyo M.	N. Y. K.	9, Mar.
London via Ports	Nore	P. & O.	29, Mar.

NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA.

Victoria, B.C. & Seattle	K'kura M.	N. Y. K.	22, Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Dairen M.	T. K. K.	26, Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	29, Feb.
New York via Cape	Egmont C.	D. & Co.	Feb.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle	Tamba M.	N. Y. K.	7, Mar.
Seattle	Titan	B. & S.	9, Mar.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Anjo M.	T. K. K.	10, Mar.
San Francisco	Karimoen	J. C. J. L.	13, Mar.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	14, Mar.
Vancouver	E. of Russia	C. P. R.	23, Mar.
Seattle	Ixion	B. & S.	23, Mar.
New York	Indrasamha	S. T. & Co.	Mar.
Vancouver	E. of Japan	C. P. R.	5, Apr.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Chiyo M.	T. K. K.	8, Apr.
San Francisco	Tykenbang	J. C. J. L.	11, Apr.
San Francisco	China	C. M. S. S.	14, Apr.
Vancouver	E. of Asia	C. P. R.	20, Apr.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Persia M.	T. K. K.	21, Apr.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	3, May
San Francisco	Arakan	J. C. J. L.	12, May

AUSTRALIA.

Australian Ports via Manila	Taiwan	B. & S.	23, Feb.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Tango M.	N. Y. K.	14, Mar.
Australian Ports via Port Darwin	St. Albans	G. L. Co.	15, Mar.
Australian Ports via Port Darwin	Empire	G. L. Co.	8, Apr.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	14, Apr.
Australian Ports via Manila	Changsha	B. & S.	17, Apr.
Australian via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	29, Apr.

SINGAPORE, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Shanghai and Japan	Machao	B. & S.	19, Feb.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Lokang	J. M. Co.	19, Feb.
Manila	Yuenang	J. M. Co.	19, Feb.
Shanghai & Ports to Yokohama	Nankin	P. & O.	20, Feb.
Shanghai	Kwongang	J. M. Co.	20, Feb.
Bombay etc.	Kirin M.	N. Y. K.	20, Feb.
Kobe and Moji	Kumang	J. M. Co.	20, Feb.
Weihaiwei and Tientsin	Huihow	B. & S.	20, Feb.
Singapore	Fulala	D. S. & Co.	21, Feb.
Belawan, Deli (Medan) via Stow	S. Jacob	J. C. J. L.	22, Feb.
Shanghai and Japan	Teresias	B. & S.	22, Feb.
Manila	Titan	B. & S.	22, Feb.
Shanghai & Ports to Yokohama	Nore	P. & O.	22, Feb.
Haiphong	Taksang	J. M. Co.	22, Feb.
Moji, Kobe & Yokohama	Kiojin M.	D. & Co.	23, Feb.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Miyazaki M.	N. Y. K.	24, Feb.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Penzan M.	N. Y. K.	24, Feb.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Ceylon M.	N. Y. K.	25, Feb.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Kitano M.	N. Y. K.	25, Feb.
Shanghai	Wingsang	J. M. Co.	25, Feb.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiching	D. L. Co.	25, Feb.
Singapore (eventually Penang)	Spilbergen	J. C. J. L.	26, Feb.
Kobe	Tyikwang	J. C. J. L.	26, Feb.
Shanghai & Ports to Yokohama	Novara	P. & O.	26, Feb.
Manila	Loongang	J. M. Co.	26, Feb.
Shanghai	Tyikroem	J. C. J. L.	26, Feb.
Bombay etc.	Ranzoom	M. N. Y. K.	26, Feb.
Calcutta etc.	Tosa M.	N. Y. K.	4, Mar.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	9, Mar.
Shanghai & Ports to Yokohama	Malta	P. & O.	11, Mar.
Shanghai and Japan	Teucer	B. & S.	12, Mar.
Shanghai and Japan	Ajar	B. & S.	14, Mar.
Shanghai and Japan	Neleus	B. & S.	17, Mar.
Manila	Ixion	B. & S.	18, Mar.
Shanghai and Japan	Oanfa	B. & S.	26, Mar.

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at least 48 hours before the in-
tended hour of departure, giving
name, nationality, age, sex,
height and occupation of the
applicant, and stating the name
of the steamer or other vessel or
the hour of the train by which
the applicant wishes to leave.
Applicants should apply in person
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BOXING.

Subject to sufficient entries
being received, an Amateur Box-
ing Competition open to Hong-
kong will be held in the Gymna-
sium of the V.R.C. on Saturday,
February 26th.

Conditions: (a) 3 two-minute
rounds. If undecided an
extra round of one
minute.

(b) In 3 weights: 118 lbs.
132 lbs. and 146 lbs.

(c) Competitors weigh in
at V.R.C. on night of
February 26th.

Entries Stating weight to be
addressed to J. Deakin Esq. c/o
V.R.C. before February 25th. No
Entrance Fee.

No Competition if less than 18
entries.

The Committee reserve the
right to refuse entries.

VESSELS DUE.

Agency	Vessel's Name	Tonnage	Date Due	From
B. & S.	Titan	8,979	Feb. 18	Kul'man via Kobe
B. & S.	Alcinous	6,748	Feb. 18	Singapore
T. K. K.	Nippon Maru	11,000	Feb. 19	San Francisco
B. & S.	Machao	6,737	Feb. 19	Liverpool
P. & O.	Nankin	6,533	Feb. 20	London
G. L. & Co.	St. Albans		Feb. 20	Australia
B. & S.	Taiwan		Feb. 20	London
B. & S.	Glenstrae	3,054	Feb. 20	Australia
B. & S.	Ping Suey	8,458	Feb. 20	Yokohama
B. & S.	Teiresias	7,603	Feb. 21	Liverpool
B. & S.	Knight Companion		Feb. 21	Yokohama
J. C. J. L.	Tyikwang		Feb. 22	Makassar
J. C. J. L.	Tyikroem		Feb. 22	Batavia
N. Y. K.	Hitachi Maru		Feb. 23	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Penzan Maru	8,000	Feb. 23	Singapore
P. & O.	Namur	6,701	Feb. 24	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Ceylon Maru	12,500	Feb. 24	Calcutta
N. Y. K.	Kitao Maru	18,000	Feb. 24	London
P. & O.	Novara	6,850	Feb. 25	London
N. Y. K.	Rangoon Maru	8,000	Feb. 26	Kobe
N. Y. K.	Tamba Maru	12,500	Feb. 27	Seattle
T. K. K.	Anjo Maru	18,500	Mar. 1	Seattle
B. & S.	Titan	8,979	Mar. 1	Manila
N. Y. K.	Tosa Maru	12,000	Mar. 2	Yokohama
P. & O.			Mar. 4	London
N. Y. K.	Yokohama Maru		Mar. 6	San Francisco
T. K. K.	Shinyo Maru		Mar. 6	San Francisco
B. & S.	Protosilaur	9,547	Mar. 6	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Bombay Maru		Mar. 8	Bombay
N. Y. K.	Benten Maru		Mar. 9	Calcutta
J. C. J. L.	Karimoen		Mar. 9	Java
B. & S.	Ixion	10,221	Mar. 9	Seattle
P. & O.	Nankin	6,833	Mar. 10	Yokohama
P. & O.	Malta	6,064	Mar. 11	London
B. & S.	Teucer	9,745	Mar. 11	Liverpool
N. Y. K.	Tango Maru	13,500	Mar. 13	Australia
B. & S.	Ajar	7,947	Mar. 13	Liverpool
P. & O.	Nore	6,703	Mar. 14	Yokohama
G. L. & Co.	Empire		Mar. 16	Australia
B. & S.	Neleus	6,685	Mar. 16	Liverpool
T. K. K.	Persia Maru		Mar. 21	San Francisco
B. & S.	Ixion	10,221	Mar. 21	Manila
P. & O.	Sardinia	6,680	Mar. 24	London
P. & O.	Novara	6,550	Mar. 24	Yokohama
B. & S.	Oanfa	9,015	Mar. 25	Liverpool
G. L. & Co.	Eastern		Apr. 6	Australia
J. C. J. L.	Tyikwang		Apr. 7	Java
B. & S.	Changsha		Apr. 9	Australia
N. Y. K.	Nikko Maru	9,600	Apr. 13	Australia
J. C. J. L.	Arakan		May 8	Java

MOVEMENT OF
STEAMERS.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. s.s. ANTO MARU will
next leave Hongkong on March 10, 1916.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. s.s. EMPRESS OF JAPAN
left Yokohama on Friday the 11th Feb. at
noon.

ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Outward Mail Steamer
MALWA with the London Mail of the
15th January last, left Suez on Sunday
evening the 6th instant.

The P. & O. s.s. NANKIN left Singa-
pore for this Port on the 15th instant a.m.
with the outward English Mail, and is
due here on the 20th inst. at about 4 p.m.

The P. & O. Homeward Mail Steamer
ARABIA with the Hongkong Mail of the
14th January last, arrived at Marseilles
on Monday, the 14th instant.

The P. & O. s.s. NORE left Singapore
for this Port on the 15th instant at noon
and is due here on the 21st inst. at about
2 p.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)

PRINCE ALEXANDER OF TECK.

February 16, 10.55 p.m.
H.S.H. Prince Alexander of Teck has been gazetted military secretary and temporary brigadier.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

SOME HEAVY FIGHTING.

February 17, 1.05 a.m.
General Sir Douglas Haig in a communique states: There has been a reciprocal artillery bombardment, also heavy grenade fighting during the past twenty-four hours between the Ypres-Commines Canal and the Ypres-Commines railway. Fighting continues, but otherwise the day has been quiet on the whole British front. The capture of six hundred yards of our front line of trenches reported yesterday was preceded by a heavy bombardment and the explosion of five mines, which rendered the trenches untenable. The attacks, which extended along four thousand yards of the front, were repulsed everywhere else, the enemy losing considerably. The captured trench has frequently changed hands during the past year, hence it is called the International Trench.

ENEMY WORKS SHELLED.

February 17, 1.05 a.m.
The Paris communique says:—Enemy works and supply convoys have been shelled at various points; otherwise there is nothing to report.

SUBMARINE WARFARE.

GERMANY NOT TO SINK LINERS.

February 17, 1.30 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that Count Bernstorff has conferred with Secretary Lansing relative to the advisability of postponing the application of Germany's submarine order with a view to further negotiations. Count Bernstorff said that Germany did not intend to sink liners. Secretary Lansing welcomed this statement and added that Germany's threat to sink armed merchantmen without warning had reopened the entire question of submarine warfare. The Lusitania agreement could not be finally accepted until the United States had determined whether there was anything therein to conflict with the new submarine policy.

CONTROVERSY RE-OPENED.

February 17, 5.40 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that prior to the conversation between Count Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing, the latter presented the draft of the final German Lusitania Note embodying the verbal changes suggested by the American Government, also another draft suggested by the German Government. Secretary Lansing's announcement that the submarine controversy has been re-opened has astonished diplomatic and other circles, as the morning papers had announced that the Lusitania case had been settled.

THE FIRE AT BROOKLYN WHARVES.

February 17, 5.40 a.m.
The owners of the Bolton Castle and the Pacific states that both vessels are saved, but seriously damaged. The pier, however, was destroyed. Thirteen Chinamen are missing. The fire was not the work of an incendiary, but was due to electric wires.

FOUR HUNDRED MILLIONS WAR CREDIT VOTE.

February 17, 5.40 a.m.
The Daily Telegraph states that Mr. Asquith on Monday will ask the House to vote a credit of possibly four hundred millions sterling, the largest credit in history.

SUCCESSFUL FRENCH AIR RAID.

February 17, 4.40 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Salonica states that thirteen French aeroplanes dropped one hundred and fifty-eight bombs on the town and camps at Strumitza, causing several fires. All the machines returned undamaged.

INCENDIARISM IN TORONTO.

AMERICAN CLUB DESTROYED.

February 17, 5.40 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Toronto states that, following an explosion in the top storey of the building, fire destroyed the American Club. One was killed and two injured. Incendiarism is suspected.

INTENSE INDIGNATION.

February 15, 5.50 a.m.
A Toronto telegram reports that two people perished in a fire at the American Club, one being an American. Two eighteen-pound shells were found and the firemen heard three explosions. Public indignation is intense.

FRESH DUTCH FLOODS.

February 17, 9.45 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam reports that a two days' storm again threatens the district of the Zuyder Zee, especially Monnikendam where hundreds of workmen are toiling the night long to prevent a fresh breach in the dyke. Huge waves are overtopping the dyke and sweeping off material immediately laid down. It is feared that two-thirds of Monnikendam will be under water if the storm continues. The water already is reaching the house at Purmerend, Neckerstraat and Spoorijk.

SHARE MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Up to the Minute.

N. China	— b.	Tls. 180.
Dongasoa	— b.	\$125.
Indos (Comb.)	— a.	\$183.
Indos (Def.)	— a.	\$133.
Shells	— b.	96/8.
Ferries	— a.	\$39.
Sogara	— sellers	\$138.
Luxons	— sales	\$39.
Docks—(Old)	— a.	\$97.
Docks—(New)	— a.	\$93.
China L. & P.	— b.	\$490.
Ice	— sellers	\$180.
Langkai	— b.	Tls. 38.

TRAINING NOTES.

No Serious Work This Morning.

A good deal of disappointment was felt by many people who had specially gone down to Happy Valley this morning in the hopes that, with the time for the big races drawing so near, they would be sure to be treated to more than ordinary gallops, but there were none of any serious nature. A few quarter and half mile gallops were done, and although they could not be said to be half-hearted, yet there was nothing in them, from a spectacular view point, and the majority of people consequently left at an earlier hour than is customary.

Why so much had been expected of this morning, it is difficult to say, but expected it was, and there was a fair crowd, including several ladies, who evince as much interest, apparently, as do the men. Undoubtedly the owners and jockeys had an object in not doing any serious work this morning, possibly the fear of over-training influencing them to allow their mounts a little respite from the hard work they have been doing the past week. They were probably wise in their resolve, for there is nothing more heart-rending to the owner and jockey than to find their ponies too tired, or showing a lack of fighting spirit in the all-important event. In fact, there can only be one thing worse—lameness.

Several good times were registered by the ponies who went the short distance this morning, many of them doing the quarter in 30 seconds or a fraction over, and in a style that suggested they could do a little more if the occasion arose. On the whole, they have made wonderful progress since the arrival of the jockeys, and their appearance speaks well for the coming week's Races.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

The adjourned case in which P. O. Moore charged Wong Pak, coxswain on board the Ynamati Ferry launch Tai Cheung, with unlawfully carrying 20 passengers on board his launch in excess of the number allowed by his licence, was resumed at the Marine Court this morning, when Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., imposed a fine of \$50 on the defendant.

H. Fielding, Master at Arms of the s.s. Empress of Russia, charged Lau Tak, unemployed, residing at 36 First Street, with unlawfully being on board the s.s. Empress of Russia without the permission of the master or officer in charge thereof on the 17th inst.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. Mr. Fielding, sworn, stated that on the 17th inst., he saw defendant carrying his food down the ship's gangway, into a scupper. He (Mr. Fielding) called to him, but he ran away and hid himself. After an hour and a half's search, defendant was found and handed to the police. He stated that he was a "substitute."

Defendant stated that he went on board to get some pig's food. His Worship sentenced defendant to 14 days' hard labour.

DANCE.

The Royal Naval Quads Club is giving a dance at the R. N. Theatre to-night.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

A Growing German Disquietude.

London, January 7.
Now that the rigours of mid-winter are holding up the armies in the main theatres of the war, it is noteworthy that Germany is showing decidedly more uneasiness than any of the other belligerents. The Kaiser solemnly promised his loyal subjects last autumn that their troubles would all be over before the winter was upon them. The falsification of that prophecy, which was implicitly believed at the time by nine-tenths of the German people, has caused a great shock to German opinion. Germany has been much deluded over this war. Public opinion in Germany is absolutely under the control of Germany's Prussian masters in so far as the Press is concerned. Consequently it was easy to conceal from the masses of the German people the real meaning of the defeat on the Marne, and to distort all the historic events that have followed that crucial episode of the war. The simple fact is, of course, that when the Germans at the full tide of their power failed to reach Paris, they had to scrap their carefully laid plans for this war as remorselessly as they scrapped their solemn treaty with Belgium. From the moment that the Armies of Britain and France rolled back the spiked legions to the Aisne, and Von Kluck was forced to extend his flank to the sea, Germany's scheme of conquest was so much old clo'. Her leaders made three big efforts to break through the cordon and resume the advance, but each successive failure, with its ghastly heaped-up casualties, only made the great failure more certain and final. Germany knows now that, whatever the fortunes of our offensive in the West, she can no more resume her offensive there than she can restore the breath of life to those millions of her best troops who are now manning the Lowlands of Flanders and the Plains of Champagne.

W. O. T. B. G.

The Australian Tommies were slow in developing their songs. They are, if not a nation of musicians, at least a singing people, and their soldiers come from homes of music. But they had no marching songs—the call had not previously come to them. So at first the demand was met from outside sources, and Tipperary was adapted to local names. But this did not suffice. They balloted for the best native product, and here is a sample of the 22nd Infantry Battalion's own marching song:

When the German blood-stained Eagle, and its vulture-hearted Chief,
Made war on little Belgium, they held the fond belief
The British Lion had grown too tame and dared not interfere.
But when old England called the roll, Australia answered, "Here!"

Chorus—

So be ready 22nd, be steady
e'er and true,
Avenge the plucky Belgians,
their eyes are all on you,
God be with Australia and
her mission o'er the sea,
Remember your Colonel's
motto, boys, W.O.T.B.G.
W.O. stand for "wipe out,"
G. stands for "Germans"; the
rest is easy.

To Catholics.

In conformity with His Holiness the Pope's desire, His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni has issued an exhortation to his flock to add to the Litany of Loreto the invocation "Regina Pacis, ora pro nobis" (Queen of Peace, pray for us) after the invocation "Regina Secretissimi Rosarii, ora pro nobis" (Queen of Most-Holy Rosary, pray for us).

LINAN OFFICER'S DEATH.

Inquest Held this Afternoon.

An inquest was held at the Police Court this afternoon, by Mr. Hazeland, into the circumstances attending the death of the Chief officer of the s.s. Linan, Willie Arthur Ashworth Shepherd, who was found dead in his cabin whilst the boat was lying in Tai Koo Dock undergoing repairs after collision with the Daijin Maru.

The following were the jury:—Messrs. Marcus Theodore Johnson, and D. L. M. de Souza. Mr. C. D. Wilkinson appeared on behalf of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, the owners of the Daijin Maru, and Mr. H. J. Gedge, represented Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, agents for the China Steam Navigation Co.

In opening the enquiry, Mr. Hazeland said, on February 2, at about 10.15 a.m., a serious collision took place off Swatow between the s.s. Linan and the Japanese steamer the Daijin Maru, as a result of which the Daijin Maru was sunk and 163 lives lost. The deceased was on the bridge of the Linan at the time of the collision, and the Linan was badly damaged and later went into dock at Quarry Bay, on the morning of the 6th inst.—four days after the collision—the deceased was found dead in his bunk whilst the s.s. Linan was still at Quarry Bay. The body was sent by the police to the public mortuary, where Dr. Macfarlane, the Medical Officer of the Mortuary, sent the stomach contents, with one kidney and a part of the liver, to the Government Analyst to examine it for poison. The Government Analyst, Mr. E. R. Dovey, had reported that there was no poison present in any of the matter submitted. He (Mr. Hazeland) intended to call both Dr. Macfarlane and Mr. Dovey as witnesses. Dr. Macfarlane would depose that the important organs of deceased's body showed considerable disease. Dr. Macfarlane had given his opinion that the cause of death was heart failure and fatty degeneration of the heart. Having regard to the fact that the deceased was found dead in his bunk so soon after the sad collision, he (Mr. Hazeland) considered it his duty, as Police Magistrate, in discharge of his duty as Coroner to hold a public enquiry with a jury. He would also mention, for the jury's benefit, that a number of bottles which were found in the deceased's cabin were also sent to the Government Analyst, but the results were not yet ready. Having regard to Analyst's report with respect to the various organs of the deceased, he (Mr. Hazeland) did not feel justified, nor did he think it necessary, to delay the enquiry any further.

The Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police, pointed out to His Worship that he had made an error with regard to the time of the collision. It was just after 12 o'clock midnight on the 1st.

Evidence was then given by Mr. E. R. Dovey, the Government Analyst, who gave a long report as to the results of his examination, all of which showed that there was no poison present.

Dr. Macfarlane gave evidence to the effect that a post mortem examination revealed the fact that the heart was fatty and degenerated.

The Hon. C. S. P.—When a person dies from fatty degeneration of the heart, is there not some reason looked for, such as violent exercise?—Yes, it is common.

But this man died in his bed. It is possible for a man to die of fatty degeneration in his bed.

Don't you think that the anxiety of the collision might have possibly affected the heart?—I think the anxiety would have a depressing effect.

Is it usual in cases such as this to send the organs for analysis for poisons?—If there is something about the death very sudden I always send the organs for analysis.

His Worship:—Of course you knew the history of this case?—Yes, but in cases of sudden death I generally send the organs for analysis. Mr. Dovey was here re-called and said, in reply to Mr. Gedge, that sulphoral, veronal, anti-pyrin,

FOOTBALL MEETINGS.

Association and League Matters.

A meeting of the Hongkong Football Association was held last evening over which Mr. W. V. Vireash presided. There was a fair attendance of delegates present.

The Secretary read a letter from Sergt. A. A. Wilson resigning his position on the Referees' Board, but, in view of the great services Sergt. Wilson has rendered whilst he has been on this board, it was decided to ask him to reconsider his decision. A meeting of the Football League followed at which Bomb. Edgier, of the S.S. Company R.G.A. and Private Dytar, of the K.S.L.I. were re-instated as junior players. The transfer of Messrs. Y. and H. Abbas from the Islamias to the Diocesan School Club was also agreed upon. This was all the business.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V. D., state:—

Leave.

Sgt. F. D. Haigh is granted leave of absence from 1.3.16 to 1.3.17.

Sgt. V. Sorby is granted leave of absence from 19.2.16 to 19.3.16.

Pte. A. A. Claxton is granted leave of absence from 21.2.16 to 28.2.16.

Parades.

Parades for Saturday, 19th inst.

7.30 a.m. Members of Signalling Section & other Signallers, as detailed in Signalling Section Order dated 8. 12. 15.—Morse flag and Heliograph practice at Headquarters.

2.30 p.m. Musketry (Part II only). Recruits of Arty. Battery, Centre and Left Sections M. G. Co. and Civil Service Company, as detailed in Corps order No. 3 dated 14. 2. 16. Four members of the Signalling Section will attend for telephone duty.

Remainder Nil.
Parades next week Nil.

Detail.

On duty to-night Centre Section M. G. Co.

On duty to-morrow night Civil Service Company.

On duty 20th inst. No. 1 Section Arty. Battery.

5. Orderly Officer Lieut. Preston.

and aspirin, were not among the poisons for which he searched.

Captain G. D. Pottinger, master of the Linan, said deceased was the only European on the bridge at the time of the collision. Witness was not on the bridge but he saw the deceased about one minute after the collision. Deceased did not appear to be very excited.

The ship's boy said that during the afternoon of the 5th inst. deceased said he did not want his tea and that his bones were aching in his legs. He was lying in his bunk at the time. Later he said he did not want any dinner and that if anybody came for him, witness was to say he was out. At 11 o'clock that night deceased ordered a small bottle of champagne, and after drinking one glass told witness to throw the rest away. Just after witness put out the lights, on the following morning the boatman came to witness and said that he had been knocking at deceased's door several times but could get no answer. Witness went with the Quartermaster to deceased's bunk, where they found him dead.

The Hon. C. S. P. said that the evidence of the last witness showed that the deceased officer was feeling very cold and that may have been the start of the heart failure.

His Worship said that the Jury would be bound to bring in a verdict in accordance with the doctor's testimony, for the evidence of the case all pointed to death being from natural causes. The jury agreed with this.

HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY LTD.

Accounts for Year Ended December 31, 1915.

The following is a summary of the Hongkong Tramway Company's accounts for 1915:—
Gross Profit (after charging \$6,625. 8. 0. for Depreciation) — \$19,932. 6. 3.
Less Debenture Interest — — — 8,758. 15. 0.
Net profit — — — 11,173. 11. 3.
Brought forward from 1914 — — — 6,897. 6. 1.

Balance \$18,070. 17. 4.
The Directors now recommended a dividend at the rate of 12 per cent per annum for the year, amounting to \$9,750 (to be payable in April next at Exchange of 1/11) and the writing down of the cost of the "Tramway Undertaking" by a further \$2,900, leaving to be carried forward \$8,320. 17. 14.

A THEFT AND A FIGHT.

A Chinese while walking down Fish Lane saw outside a shop some brand new baskets, and the desire to become the possessor of one or two overcame his scruples, and he reached out for one. No sooner had he got it under his arm, than a horde of Chinese gathered round him and proceeded to knock him about. An Indian watchman joined in the fray and was instrumental in handing the man over to the police.

Consequently the man was charged before Mr. Hazeland, at Police Court this morning, with the theft, and, as a reward, was sent to gaol for a period of one month. He candidly admitted that he had been in gaol before for larceny, and only reluctantly denied that he had not attempted to steal the basket.

NUMBER FIFTEEN.

Superstitious people even in these advanced days appear to cling with old-woman timidity to the belief that No. 13 is unlucky so matter in what connection the number may be used, but hate is a curious coincidence which has happened locally, not of the No. 13 but No. 15, showing a strange chain of circumstances.

A gentleman in the Colony has purchased a ticket in one of the big sweeps, numbered 15. Although he took it by pure chance, in another sweep (by chance again) he was allotted number 15, whilst in yet another, he drew No. 215. Two figures taken from his birth year make 15, he was promoted to a responsible position in 1915, and, to beat all, one year won a sweep in the Melbourne races with a ticket numbered 15, his prize being \$30—two fifteens.

Death of Mr. J. Forbes.

Local sportsmen will hear with regret of the death, at the early age of 34 years, of Mr. J. Forbes, of the China Sugar Refinery. Deceased, who passed away at the Peak Hospital, after a long illness, was well known in local boxing circles, and frequently officiated as referee in boxing tournaments in the Colony. The funeral takes place at Happy Valley this evening.

ARRIVED.

Chinab. Br. 1333, J. Siddons 18th Feb.
—Mand. 15th Feb. Gen. B. & S.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Whinbus from Manila on 12th February—

Bolles Mr. J. B.	Grimaldi Mr. E. E.
Buchanan Mr. E. B.	Hankinson Mr. and Mrs. E. A.
Carson Mr. C. W.	Hammond Mr. E. H.
Clayton Mr. E. E.	Kempson Mrs. L. E. C.
Cropper Mr. D. B.	Lambert Mr. E. C.
Crooks Mr. W. W.	Layton Mr. R.
Daniel Mr. C. L.	Diot Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Prince Mr. H.
Dexter Mr. H.	

COMMERCIAL.

National Bank of the Philippines. Authority has been given to the National Bank of the Philippines to issue notes. The limit is placed at 75 per cent. of its securities guaranteed by 35 per cent. cash reserve.

American Customs Duty on Beans. The American authorities imposed a customs duty of one per cent. per lb. on cooked or salted beans, according to No. 199 of the American tariff, but merchants lodged a complaint with the Court against the impost, taking the view that such beans, coming within the purview of No. 608 of the Tariff, should go duty free. According to an official report to the Japanese Foreign Office, the Court gave judgement in the case on January 6, in favour of the view taken by the merchants.

Home Commercial and Produce Markets. London, Jan. 11.—The Bank rate remains unchanged at 5 per cent. The Open market rate for short loans is 4½ per cent., and discount of 4 months' Bank bill 5½ per cent. The Silver market has shown decided firmness, and the price of bars has advanced to 28 15-16d. per oz. There has been considerable activity in the Rubber Share market, and dealings have been on an ample scale. China Tea at auction has been in quiet demand, and realised steady prices. In Sugar a good business has been done at full rates. Peppers remain steady, but business is quiet. Rice is firmly held in all positions. Manila Hemp has ruled strong and prices show a good advance. Plantation Rubber, after being firmer, has become somewhat flat. Standard No. 1 Crepe being now quoted 3s. 11½d. per lb. and Smoked Sheet 3s. 10½d. per lb. Fine Hard Para is 3s. 10½d. per lb. Straits Tin is 217s. to 217s. 10s. for cash, and 217s. 10s. to 217s. 10s. for three months.

Value of British Gold Standard. It is said that the Australians left behind them in Egypt about one million sterling in sovereigns and half-sovereigns, says the Egyptian correspondent of Capital of Calcutta, quoted by Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co. in their weekly bulletin letter. "This gold," he wrote, "was mostly absorbed as soon as it left the hands of the troops, however, and did not circulate very far. Now, however, there is more gold in circulation than there has been at any time since the commencement of war. The main reason seems to be that the populace, which hoarded its few gold coins, is now beginning to feel the pinch of high prices and unemployment, and is, reluctantly enough, dragging those coins out again. The re-appearance in Cairo of hitherto hoarded gold marks, napoleons, dollars, &c., shows that the people are clinging to their sovereigns to the last, and are desirous of getting rid of their foreign money first. A striking illustration of the value of the British gold standard."

Supply and Demand in Cotton. New Orleans, December 20.—Deadlock between the cotton holder and the spinning interests continues. Exports are still dwindling, thanks to the handicap imposed upon American trade by the British Government through its illegal blockade and contraband order. However, an occasional gleam of light is seen, as, for instance, when it was announced here lately that the Allies had recognized a kind of Netherlands Overseas Trust for Switzerland, which will enable that country to get needed supplies beginning in December. In the meanwhile, speculators may again take hold, and if they do, exporters may have to come back into the market at a much higher level. As bearing upon the situation abroad, a circular recently received in this market from a Liverpool house, states that Lancashire has taken 789,000 bales out of the Liverpool stock thus far, the largest for the corresponding period in a number of years past. This same house states that a consumption of American cotton of 14,500,000 bales is not by any means an impossibility, which has caused some surprise here, in view of the gloomy picture export interests have been painting as to the probable demand. New York Evening Post.

SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S.—SELLERS SA.—SALES B.—BUYERS N.—NUMERAL

To-day's Closing Prices	STOCK	Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid Up	Highest	Lowest	1914	1915	1915	1915	Last Dividend and Date
	Banks.										
sa. \$320	H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp.	120,000	\$125	all	855	July	700	Oct. 845	div. 790	c. div.	{22/3/- at 1/9 5/16 equal to \$24.21 for 44 year 30/6/15
sa. \$173/10/-	Marine Insurance.										{Final of \$4 a/c 1913. Interim of \$18 a/c 1914.
b. 417 1/2	Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	50	350	Dec.	305	Oct.	425	360	{Final of 12 1/2 p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1914
a. 1180	North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$15	25	145	May	133	Jan.	189	160	{Final of \$20 and bonus of \$3 making \$55 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914
b. \$247 1/2	Union Ins. S'ty of C'ton, Ltd.	12,400	\$250	100	847 1/2	April	700	Oct.	\$97 1/2	\$83 1/2	{Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914
s. \$250	Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	12,000	\$100	60	210	April	192 1/2	Jan.	270	225	
	Fire Insurances.										
b. \$158	China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	20	160	July	140	Oct.	162	130	\$9 for 1913
a. \$410	H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$250	50	395	Feb.	368	April	420	385	\$27 for 1913
	Shipping.										
b. \$125	Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	36	Mar.	27 1/2	Nov.	126	45	\$4 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15
a. 19 1/2	H'kong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	294 1/2	Jan.	22	Dec.	23	19	{Final of \$1.00 for year ending 31.12.15
s. \$163 1/4	Indo-China (Combined	60,000	\$5	all	79	Jan.	50	Sept.	188	95	{6 p.c. on p. & 3 p.c. on d. a. for year 1914 & quoted on 9 p.c. div. H.K. from 29.9.15, an interim div. of 6 p.c. on the combined a/c paid in London 23.9.15 quoted ex div. in H.K. 11.12.15
b. \$50	Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$5	all	79	Jan.	50	Sept.	188	95	{Interim of 2/- (Coupon No. 25) making 7/- for 1915
b. 56 1/2	Shell T'port & T'ng Co., Ltd.	3,797,610	\$1	all	106 1/2	Feb.	70 1/2	Sept.	97 1/2	82 1/2	{Interim of 1/- account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5.)
s. \$39	Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	40,000	\$10	all	49	Mar.	40	Nov.	40	32	{25/- b. 1/- interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15
	Refineries.										
s. \$139	China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	all	96 1/2	Feb.	70	Nov.	140	111	\$3 for 1912
sa. \$39	Luzon S. Refining Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$100	all	31	Jan.	17	Dec.	46	27 1/2	\$3 for 1897
	Mining.										
b. 30 1/2	Wailan Mining Adm'tion	100,000	\$1	all	41 1/2	Feb.	33 1/2	Dec.	33 1/2	30 1/2	{Interim of 1/- account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5.)
a. 3.30	Roub & Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	3.10	Jan.	1.90	Nov.	4	3.14	{1/3 for 1909
s. 27 1/2	Troms Mines Ltd.	160,000	\$1	all	39 1/2	Feb.	19 1/2	Nov.	32 1/2	25 1/2	{25/- b. 1/- interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15
s. 35 1/2	Ural Caspian	736,666	\$1	all	56 1/2	Feb.	21 1/2	Nov.	41	37 1/2	{1/- interim 1915
	Decks, Wharves and Godowns &c.										
b. \$75	H'kong & A.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	89	Jan.	73	Nov.	81 1/2	68	\$3.50 for year 1914
s. ex. old \$97 1/2	H.K. & W.D. Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	77	Jan.	53	Oct.	97 1/2	57	\$3 dividend for year 1914
b. \$93 1/2	H'hai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$100	all	60	July	50	Dec.	65 1/2	49	ex div. Tls. 3 for year ending 30.4.15
b. \$90	H'hai & H'kew W. Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	109	Jan.	82 1/2	Dec.	93 1/2	80	Tls. 5 for 1914
	Hotels and Buildings.										
b. \$112 1/2	Anglo French Land	13,000	\$100	all	128	July	120	Dec.	116	108	Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 29.2.14
b. \$102	H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$50	50	128	July	120	Dec.	116	108	{Tls. 6 1/2 for half year ending 31.12.15
b. \$62.20	H'kong Land Investment Co.	50,000	\$100	all	117 1/2	July	58	Nov.	111 1/2	108	\$3 1/2 for year ending 31.12.15
b. \$40	H'kong Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	100,000	\$10	all	64 1/2	Jan.	7	Nov.	7 1/2	6.10	35 cents for year 1915
b. \$107	R'con Land & Eng. Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$50	50	44 1/2	Jan.	44	Feb.	40	40	\$3 for 1914
b. \$87	H'kong Land	10,000	\$50	all	88	Dec.	89	Oct.	106	101	{Dividend of 6 p.c. for 1 year ending 30.6.15
b. \$96	West Point Building Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$50	all	73	June	66	Feb.	86	70	\$2.25 for half year ending 31.12.15
b. \$96	H'kong Central Estate	10,000	\$100	all	103	June	66	Feb.	86	70	\$7.00 for year ending 31.12.15
	Cotton Mills.										
b. \$140	Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	138	July	125	May	180	135	Tls. 16 for year ending 31.10.15
b. \$13	Rung Yik	10,000	\$10	all	142	Jan.	11	Mar.	17	12 1/2	Tls. 1.50 for year ending 30.11.15
b. \$71	Iscon Kung Mow	10,000	\$100	all	110	Feb.	70	May	89	80	Tls. 12 for 1913
b. \$90	H'kong Cottons	40,000	\$50	all	135	Feb.	70	Nov.	105	90	{Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15
	Miscellaneous.										
b. \$104 1/2	China P'oneo Company, Ltd.	10,000	\$10	all	12	May	10	Dec.	10	10	85 cents for 1914
b. \$4.90	H'kong Light & Power Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$5	all	4.50	July	4	April	4 1/4	4 1/4	6% for year ending 28.2.06
b. \$10.10	Co. (Spec. Shares)	10,000	\$10	all	9	Jan.	7	Nov.	10.10	8.00	70 cts. for 1914
b. \$29	China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	29	June	35	Aug.	34	31	\$1.25 for year ending 31.7.15
b. \$10	Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	40,000	\$5	all	6.50	Jan.	5	Dec.	11	6.70	50 cts. for 1914
b. \$43 1/2	Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	49	Jan.	36	Nov.	45	39	\$2.00 per share for 1914
b. \$180	Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$15	all	217 1/2	July	174	Dec.	190	184	Interim of \$2 account 1915
b. \$32	Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$10	all	25	June	22	Apr.	43 1/2	25	Interim of \$1 for year ending 30.6.15
b. \$6.20	Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	25,000	\$5	all	13 1/2	July	7 1/2	Feb.	6 1/2	4.80	\$10 1/2 for 1914
b. \$38 1/2	Langkats	20,000	\$20	all	64 1/2	Mar.	58	Dec.	42	36 1/2	{Interim of Tls. 1 making Tls. 2 a/c 1915
b. \$10	Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	20,000	\$10	all	10 1/2	Jan.	14 1/2	June	10	9	70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.15
b. \$5 cts.	Do (New)	20,000	\$10	all	93 cts.	Jan.	75 cts.	Dec.	41	80 cts.	
b. \$4	Philippines Ld.	15,000	\$10	all	4	Jan.	4	Nov.	4	4	None
b. \$5	H. Price & Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	5	Jan.	5	Nov.	5	5	\$1.50 for 1910
b. \$20	Societe des Pulpes et Papieteries du Tonkin	13,200	\$50	all	20	Jan.	20	Nov.	20	20	None
b. \$34 1/2	Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$5	all	5.00	June	4	Nov.	3 1/2	3.00	25 cts. for year ending 31.3.15
b. \$15 1/2	Union Water-heat Co., Ltd.	27,723	\$15	all	22 1/2	Feb.	17	Jan.	18	16	\$1.00 per share for year ending 31.12.15
b. \$6 1/2	Watson and Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$10	all	8 1/2	April	6 1/2	Dec.	6 1/2	6 1/2	60 cts. for 1914
b. \$5 1/2	William Powell, Limited	21,000	\$7	all	5 1/2	Jan.	6 1/2	Dec.	7 1/2	5 1/2	50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14
b. \$29	S. C. Morning Post	6,000	\$25	all	20	June	92	Dec.	29	29	\$1.50 for 1914

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EXCHANGE.

Feb. 12th.

SELLING.	BUYING.
T/T Marks.....Nom.	T/T Marks.....Nom.
T/T France.....2.69 1/2	T/T France.....2.69 1/2
Demand Paris.....2.70	Demand Paris.....2.70
T/T India.....1/11 7/8	T/T India.....1/11 7/8
T/T Shanghai.....2 1/2	T/T Shanghai.....2 1/2
T/T Singapore.....2 1/2	T/T Singapore.....2 1/2
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